

Richmond Area Rail Improvement Project

Project Overview

Project Background

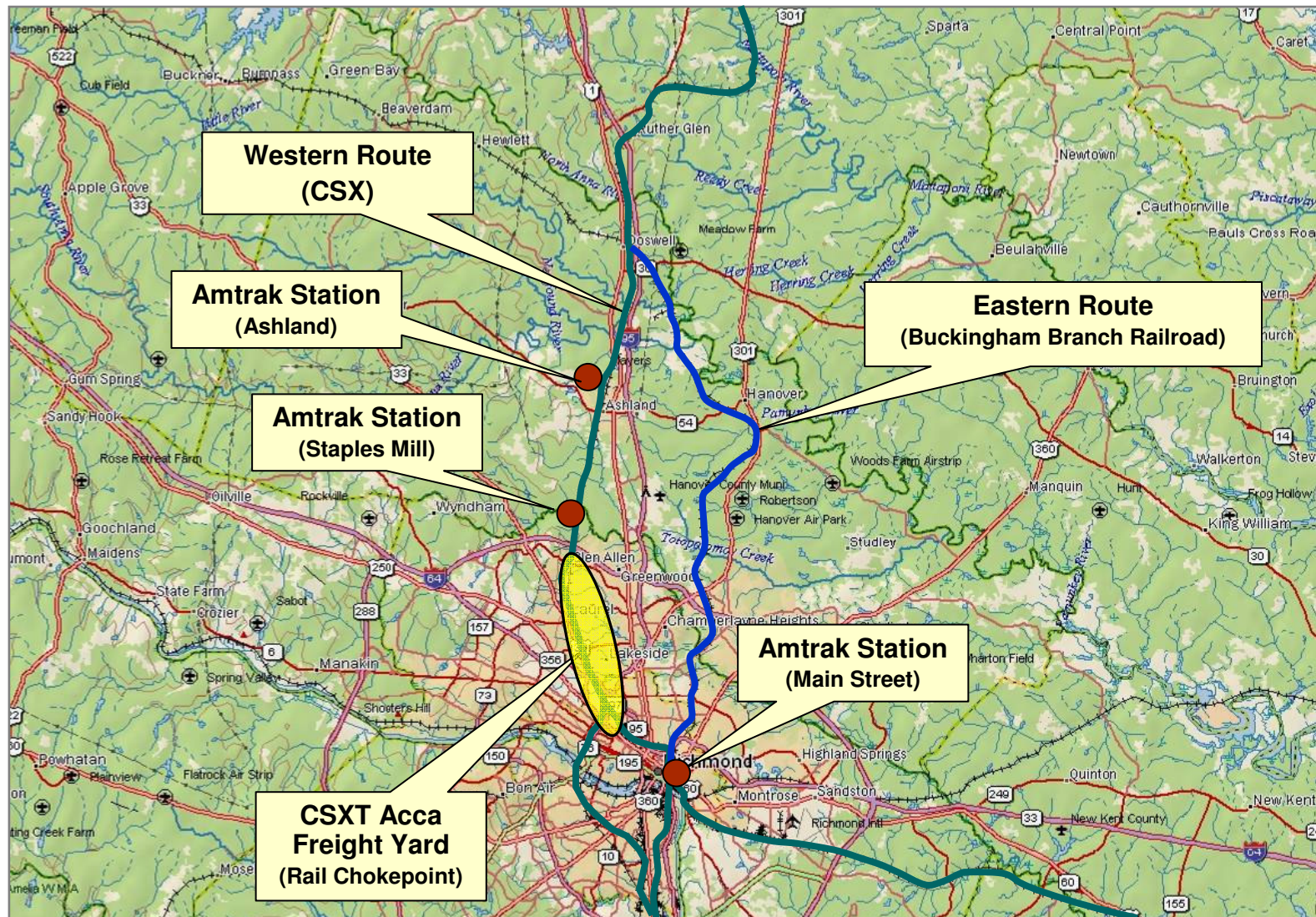
❑ Southeast High Speed Rail Tier 1 EIS - June 2002

- Identified the high speed rail corridor from Charlotte, NC to Washington, DC
- Within the Richmond to Washington segment, identified two potential routes
 - Western Route – Along CSX tracks
 - Eastern Route – Along Buckingham Branch tracks
- Federal Railroad Administration requires an Environmental Assessment to select one of the two routes to continue through the federal planning process

Project Elements

- Environmental Assessment (EA) to select the high speed rail route between Main St. Station and Doswell, comparing the Eastern route along the Buckingham Branch line and the Western route along the CSX line
- Analysis of rail infrastructure improvements between Richmond and Newport News along the I-64 corridor, including a new station location for the Newport News station
- Analysis of rail infrastructure improvements between Doswell and Fredericksburg along the I-95 corridor
- Analysis of rail infrastructure improvements south of Richmond between Main St. Station and Centralia
- Analysis of transit-oriented development opportunities between Main St. Station and Doswell at existing or new proposed Amtrak stations. This analysis includes consideration of the Caroline County station development to the north.

Project Map



Project Schedule

- ❑ February 2008
 - Began study
- ❑ Fall 2008
 - Public Meeting
- ❑ Early 2009
 - Environmental Assessment Completion
- ❑ Ongoing
 - Public comments accepted at drptpr@drpt.virginia.gov or by mail at Public Information Office, 1313 East Main St., Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23219
- ❑ For more information on the Richmond Area Rail Improvement Project, please visit DRPT's website:
<http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/projects/richmondarearailimprovements.aspx>



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